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## **BIG BOOST FOR FIELDHOUSE**



Former Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask, a Vezina Trophy winner, drops the hockey ball during a ceremonial face-off between TJ Gay, left, and Gus Dellafave at the Boys & Girls Club of Dorchester event last Saturday morning where the NHL, Bruins, and Red Sox announced a \$300,000 donation to the Martin Richard Dorchester Fieldhouse. More coverage, Page 14. Seth Daniel photo

## 'Stop the Beef' hotline is fueling effort to stem bloodshed in the city

By Seth Daniel News Editor

A group of men intent on curbing bloodshed in Boston by intervening in bubbling disputes before they turn violent is putting out the call for people to call them for help.

The Black-led effort -called the 10,000 Fearless Peacemakers – was formed out of tragedy in April 2019 when Eleanor Maloney, 74, was killed on her front porch in Mattapan by a stray bullet fired between-



Members of the 10,000 Fearless Peacemakers march through Grove Hall for their weekly 'Hour of Power' with Minister Randy Muhammad leading the way Seth Daniel photo

neighborhood rivals in conflict. Minister Randy Muhammad, leader of Muhammad's Mosque #11 in Grove Hall, said at the time that he had called on others to "change the culture in our community."

"I tell people all the time every conflict doesn't have to end in violence with someone getting shot or stabbed, he said. "We are a totally neutral third party. We've had several mediations and by the grace of God each has (Continued on page 11)

## As 2023 rolls in, status of BPDA ranks high on city watch list

By Gintautas Dumcius MANAGING EDITOR

When Michelle Wu met virtually with Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) staff in January 2022, a few months into her mayorship, she had just turned 37. At the meeting, the staff joined together to awkwardly sing "Happy Birthday" to the city's new chief executive. In the new year, it's an open question as to what song staffers will be singing in the new year, and whether it'll be a dirge for their organization.

Wu campaigned for mayor, in part, on the abolishment of the BPDA, a proposal that dates back to 2019, when, as an at-large city councillor, she released a paper titled "Fixing Boston's Broken Development Process," and subtitled it "Why and How to Abolish the BPDA.'

Wu pulled together the 76-page paper, which she called a "living document" in her introduction, while she was chair of the Council's planning and development committee. She and her staff had help from

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## Miranda 'refreshed and ready to go' in first state Senate term

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Liz Miranda, elected four years ago as a state representative, returns to Beacon Hill this week to take the oath of office as state senator for the Second Suffolk District.

Her swearing-in ceremony is scheduled for Jan. 4 inside the State House. She plans a "Community



Liz Miranda

Inauguration" at Roxbury Community College on Fri., Jan. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Miranda grew up in what's known as the Dudley Corridor, from Uphams Corner to the area around Ruggles MBTA Station. She graduated from the O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science, which is down the road from Roxbury Community College.

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# Man, 33, shot dead in Mattapan Sq. gunfire

Jymaal Cox, a 33-year-old Mattapan man, was shot to death on New Year's Day near Mattapan Square, according to Boston Police. Officers responded to 1601 Blue Hill Ave. just before 6 a.m. on Sunday for reports of gunshots and fighting among a large group of people.

According to Universal Hub and the website Live Boston, the murder was associated with a nearby house party that had started the night before and turned violent in the early morning hours.

Police noted that Cox was pronounced dead on the scene from apparent gunshot wounds. A second person was also shot, according to the police account, but his injuries were not considered life-threatening. Anyone with information is urged to contact Boston Police Homicide detectives at 617-343-4470.

Four traffic stops, four gun arrests – Four men were arrested last week in traffic stops that resulted in the discovery of illegal firearms, according to Boston Police. The first incident occurred just after 1 a.m. on Wed., Dec. 28 when officers assigned to B-2 responded to a ShotSpotter activation on Hartford Street — an indication that gunshots had been fired nearby. Officers who spotted a car "circling the area" pulled the vehicle over on Bird Street, where officers found a loaded Smith & Wesson handgun in the vehicle and arrested a passenger, Joel Winslow, for illegal possession, receiving stolen property, and discharging the weapon.

That same day, when officers assigned to District 11 stopped a vehicle driven by 32-year-old Gequann Perry of Roxbury for operating with a revoked registration, a police search of the car turned up an unregistered, loaded Smith & Wesson firearm.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, police spotted a 35-year-old Canton man, Charles Hester, for speeding on Dorchester Avenue. He was pulled over on Washington Street near Codman Square, where he was found to be operating with an expired license. Police searched his vehicle and found a fully loaded 9mm handgun, which was not registered. Police say it is Hester's second firearm offense.

On New Year's Eve afternoon, police arrested a 25-year-old Dorchester man after they pulled him over for driving with "excessively dark tinted windows" near Four Corners. The driver, later identified by police as Tamari Tubbs, was stopped on Standish Street where police attached to the Youth Violence Strike Force say they recovered a loaded 9mm Smith & Wesson handgun in the car. Tubbs faces arraignment on illegal gun and ammunition charges.

## Shuttle buses set for weekend on Red Line due to work on JFK/UMass walkway, lobby

Shuttle buses will replace the MBTA's Red Line service between Broadway and Ashmont and North Quincy stations this weekend (Jan. 7-8) as repairs get underway to the JFK/UMass lobby and the pedestrian walkway above the Braintree platform.

The JFK/UMass MBTA station serves both the Ashmont and Braintree branches of the Red Line, as well as three commuter rail lines and several bus routes. The commuter rail section of the station will be unaffected by the repair work, according to the T.



The MBTA abruptly shut down the pedestrian walkway off Columbia Road, which crosses the Braintree-side tracks at JFK/UMass Station, in late November.

Gintautas Dumcius photo

The pedestrian walkway, which connects Columbia Road to the lobby, has been closed since November, blocking customers as they seek to enter the dilapidated station. An inspection led to a "critical structural finding" that spurred agency officials to close off the walkway. "After necessary repairs are completed, the MBTA will reopen the pedestrian ramp at Columbia Road," the T said in a statement this week.

On a recent Friday, a Columbia Road door, located next to the closed walkway and typically used by commuters exiting the Ashmont platform, was propped open by a bag of rock salt.

- REPORTER STAFF

## Baker gives final address as governor

Speaking from his desk at the State House, Gov. Charlie Baker addressed his constituents one last time on Tuesday, praising them for their character and touting some of his accomplishments over the past eight years.

Saying he wanted to provide residents with "what my late mother would call a 'proper goodbye,' Baker spent most of the brief address extolling the volunteerism and civic spirit of Bay Staters, especially as he would drop by charitable events during the workweek.

"It was like fuel for me," he said. "Watching people do good things to benefit others gave me joy."

Baker also tallied several achievements from his two terms in office, including last year's \$3 billion tax "rebate," and leaving the state with a \$7 billion rainy day fund. He also pointed to housing regulation reforms, expanded broadband service in western Massachusetts, and now-complete infrastructure projects "long promised but never done"

"And we got it done without partisan bickering," he said.

Baker also credited residents for rallying

during the pandemic, largely following advisories on social separation, wearing masks and other edicts and recommendations. "And while I know that many of you didn't agree with all of the decisions the lieutenant governor and I made during the pandemic, you tried your very best to abide by the rules and share in the work that was to be done," he said.

Baker ended by thanking the people of Massachusetts for their generosity, saying it has made Massachusetts a truly great place. Speaking for himself and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, he said that spirit is what makes

Massachusetts special.

"I want you to know you will be sorely missed by the two of us and by our teams," he said.

Baker, whose term ends Thursday, won't be out of work for long: The Swampscott Republican was recently named president of the NCAA, the beleaguered college sports organization that has weathered some high-profile court losses and growing criticism of its practices, especially around how players are —and are not — compensated.

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# BPS's Skipper urges masks in school for first 2 weeks; asks testing of students, too

In anticipation of students and staff return to Boston Public Schools after winter break, Superintendent Mary Skipper, in a letter to families, has asked them to mask up for the first two weeks of the year (through Fri., Jan. 13) at school and on buses.

"This is our ask and expectation of students and

staff, not a mandate," she wrote, noting that disposable masks will be available for anyone who needs them, and adding that no one will be disciplined or sent home if they don't wear one. She also said that masks will be available for athletes at practices and games, but there is no request to wear them.

Inaddition to the masking, Skipper asked that families test students for Covid-19 on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning using the iHealth antigen kits sent home with students before the break.

The requests come as rates of Covid have increased in recent weeks. While they remain well below earlier peaks, hospitalizations have risen in Massachusetts since late November, and positive test rates are also higher. Wastewater testing shows the presence of the virus is up sharply to levels not seen since January.

– WBUR

#### **UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

A public meeting will be held virtually on Wed., Jan 18 at 6p.m. to discuss a proposed retail cannabis dispensary at 770 Gallivan Blvd. The meeting will be held via WebEx. See page 17 for link. If you have any questions, contact Conor Newman in the Mayor's Office, 617-635-2093 or conor.newman@boston.gov.

Neponset River Watershed meeting—The Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) will host a virtual public meeting on Tues., Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss plans to reduce future flood risk in the region. Additionally, NepRWA invites residents and business owners to complete a survey to help identify high-risk areas in their communities and relay their experiences with flooding. Meeting registration and survey information can be found Neponset.org. For more information, contact NepRWA Advocacy Director

Kerry Snyder at snyder@neponset.org or 781-575-0354.

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library hosts a free Celebrate! performing arts program for families on Monday, Jan. 16: Benkadi Drum and Dance performs traditional West African rhythm and movements on Martin Luther King Jr. Day at 10:30 a.m. Make reservations online at jfklibrary.org/celebrate or call 617-514-1644.

The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston will host a virtual public hearing on Wed., Jan. 11 at 9 a.m. to discuss an amendment filed by the Boston Planning & Development Agency that would expand the boundary of the Olmsted Green Smart Growth Overlay District to include the Olmsted Village development project in the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood District. This meeting will only be held virtually and not in person.

You can participate in this meeting by going to https://bit.ly/BZC\_January2023. Copies of the petitions and a map of the area involved may be obtained from the Zoning Commission electronically, and you may also submit written comments or questions to zoningcommission@boston.gov.

Gov.-elect Maura Healey and Lt. Gov.-elect Kim Driscoll plan to hold their inaugural celebration at TD Garden on the night of Thursday, Jan. 5. Healey and Lt. Governor-elect Driscoll have attached the theme "Moving the Ball Forward" to their inaugural, a reference to their time as college and professional basketball players. "The inaugural team said Wednesday that tickets will become available "in the coming weeks" as well as details about the timing, ticketing, program, and additional events. The new Legislature will be sworn in on

Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, and Healey and Driscoll will be sworn in on Jan. 5. Gov. Charlie Baker said this fall in a radio interview that he plans to take the traditional "lone walk" down the front steps on Jan. 4, a day before he officially leaves office. - Michael P. Norton/SHNS

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo will offer free admission on Monday, January 16 Throughout the day, there will be keeper chats, animal encounters and more to explore! Guests are invited to write messages of hope and peace on murals located within the Tropical Forest Pavilion at Franklin Park Zoo and within the Animal Discovery Center at Stone Zoo. For a schedule of activities, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. visit zoonewengland.org.

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## City: Hold on a little bit longer for 'L Street' Community Center to open

BY BILL FORRY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Jan. 1 is typically a busy day at the city's only public waterfront amenity, as scores of "Brownies" brave what are normally frigid temps to take a New Year's plunge into Dorchester Bay. But this year's traditional swim did not have the benefit of using the popular Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) Curley Community Center in South Boston to warm up or get changed. It remains closed this week, with one city spokesperson saying the facility won't be ready for public use until the beginning of February at the earliest.

The center – often called simply "LStreet"— has been the subject of a \$23.3 million renovation project that has overshot its original completion date by more than a year now.

In September, the *Reporter* revealed that the project was beset by dueling lawsuits triggered by a dispute between the city of Boston and contractors hired to complete the job. At that time, city officials said they still intended to re-open the Columbia Road facility by the end



A rendering shows the main entrance of the renovated BCYF Curley Community Center on Columbia Road. The city of Boston-owned facility has been closed since 2020 and remains inaccessible to the public this week.

\*\*Image courtesy City of Boston\*\*

of the fall.

But last week, when pressed by the *Reporter* for details, a spokesperson for Mayor Wu acknowledged that the public would have to wait even longer, even though from outside appearances, the building looks largely finished and landscaped.

In a statement, a city spokesperson said: "BCYF is committed to reopening the BCYF Curley Community Center safely, sustainably, and as soon as possible,

and is expecting to get into the building by the end of this month. Staff will then need at least four weeks to prepare the building for opening, where it's now the largest building in the BCYF network. BCYF is planning to formally reopen the building and begin programming in winter of 2023."

The extensive renovations were supposed to be largely completed in Nov. 2021. Key wellness and social services, including programming for chil-

dren and seniors, have been displaced during the extended closure, which started in March 2020 due to the Covid crisis. The center never re-opened, with city officials choosing to instead "fast-track" construction in the Depression-era facility. Work started inside the building in October 2020.

One reason for the long delay, according to our earlier reporting: legal wrangling between the city and its chosen contractor, Boston Building & Bridge Co. (BBB), which won a competitive bid to gut and rebuild the Curley Center. The contractor said it found hazardous materialsincluding asbestos—that were not part of the original contract with the city. BBB claimed that the need to remediate the hazardous materials ran up costs on the project by nearly \$700,000, which the contractor said Boston refused to pay.

After the two parties failed to resolve the money and timing dispute

through mediation, the city of Boston filed its own complaint against the architectural firm it hired to plan to project, the South Boston-based DesignLAB Architects, Inc. (dLAB) and its insurance agency, CAN Surety.

In the court filing, a city of Boston attorney noted that the failure to locate and plan for hazardous material disposal "directly harmed the city, as it is still unable to open a crucial community and beachfront amenity to the public for the second summer in a row. Moreover, upon information and belief, fall programming for the public at the site may now be threatened."

In the fall, the city of Boston denied requests by the Reporter to visit the Curley site to review progress and conduct one-on-one interviews with key city officials responsible for the project. There has been scant communication to inform the public about the timing of the opening of the new Curley center, which is supposed to house a new dance studio, fitness center, senior space, locker rooms and three multi-purpose rooms for community events.

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## Miranda 'refreshed and ready to go' in first state Senate term

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She will be the first Cape Verdean woman to serve in the state Senate. (Vinny deMacedo, a Plymouth Republican who left the state Senate in 2019 to work for Bridgewater State University, is the first man.)

Miranda will also be the fourth Black woman in the state Senate's history. The others are former Sens. Dianne Wilkerson of Roxbury and Linda Dorcena Forry of Dorchester, and Sen. Lydia Edwards, who joined in 2022 and represents parts of Boston, as well as Revere and Winthrop.

Miranda is succeeding Sonia Chang-Diaz, the first Latina elected to the state Senate after she bested Wilkerson in 2008 in a Democratic primary. Miranda won the seat in the Democratic primary, which also featured fellow state Rep. Nika Elugardo, Rev. Miniard Culpepper, and Wilkerson on the ballot. She did not face a challenger in the November general election.

"I'm just so excited to come after [Sen. Chang-Diaz], but also to come after Sen. Dianne Wilkerson and the late Sen. Bill Owens," Miranda said, referring to the first Black state senator



Liz Miranda recently dined in Worcester with fellow incoming state senators. From left to right: Sens. Pavel Payano of Lawrence, Robyn Kennedy of Worcester, Jake Oliveira of Ludlow, and Miranda.

\*\*Image via Kennedy Twitter feed\*\*

who died in January 2022 at 84. "Both of those folks paved the way across the commonwealth and in this district to create the type of district that I was born and raised in." The Second Suffolk District, anchored in Roxbury, also includes parts of Dorchester, Mattapan, Mission Hill, Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, and Hyde Park.

Miranda, 41, added: "Growing up in Roxbury, I never thought I'd be in public office, never mind a representative and

now a senator, which is exciting and a great responsibility. "

A former youth worker and community organizer, she lost a younger brother, Michael, to gun violence in 2017. As a result, as a state representative she focused on policy issues such as police reform, offshore wind, maternal health, and ending solitary confinement. "We are the most policed, most incarcerated, and still-notsafe district in the whole state," she said.

Entering the state Senate, she plans to focus on closing the racial wealth gap and the gender wage gap, with help from the flow of pandemic-era federal money. "We have to have a skill-trained and compensated workforce that is making what they deserve," she said, listing off early education, pathways, and pipelines

as early priorities.

The Second Suffolk has Roxbury Community College, Madison Park High School, and the Ben Franklin Institute of Technology, as well as two exam schools. "Ilook at my life and how education took me far," said Miranda, who graduated from Wellesley College.

Public health is another priority. Communities of color were hit hard by the pandemic, in addition to gun violence, Miranda noted, adding that she hopes to canvass the district for ideas and policy proposals.

In the Second Suffolk district, "there is a robust community of elders, but there is a new generation of leaders and thought partners in moving our city forward," she said. "We've inherited a great deal of brilliance but I as a young person and a daughter of this district want to see new faces and people who want to participate in making the commonwealth better.

She plans several forums, virtual and in-person. "I'm building this big tent and I want

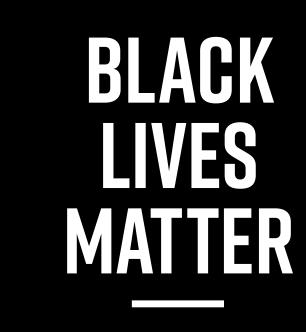
everyone to feel at home under that tent."

Miranda spoke with the *Reporter* shortly after returning from a three-week trip to Cape Verde, or as it's formally known, the Republic of Cabo Verde. An archipelago of islands several hundred miles off the west coast of Africa, the country has a population of about a half million people.

Her trip, which was a mixture of the personal and the political, was "totally life-changing," she said. It was her "longest and most intense visit," and the fifth she's made as an adult. She met the republic's top officials, and she visited the island of Fogo, which shares the Portuguese word for fire and is where her family goes back six generations.

Boston has more than 50,000 people with roots in Cape Verde, many of them living in the Second Suffolk. Brockton also has a large Cape Verdean population, numbering around 30,000, and many of them head back to the islands for the holidays. Miranda said that she ran into many constituents on the plane trips.

"I campaigned for 10 months. I had competitors who were strong. I hadn't had a break," Miranda said. "Going back home was the perfect balance of connecting to my roots but also taking the time to think forward. I'm really refreshed and ready."



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#### News about people in and around our Neighborhoods



## Metamorphosis's Retzos bids adieu to Lower Mills

Lefteris "Ted" Retzos, longtime proprietor of the Metamorphosis convenience store on Washington Street in Lower Mills, bade farewell to his final customers on New Year's Eve when the business closed its

doors for good to make way for a new, 24-unit residential building that is expected to be built in the coming months.

Joey Arcari, a Boston developer, purchased the building and land from Retzos and his

family last year. Arcari's building plan also calls for 1,600 square feet of ground-floor retail space in the new building, which will rise between the Star Market on River Street and Spukies N Pizza. Bill Forry photo

## Two Mayor's Cup wins for DYH teams



Mite White



**Bantam Red** 

Two Dorchester Youth Hockey teams prevailed in the Mayor's Cup Tournaments held over the winter holiday break in venues all over the city. Four teams played for championships in the Tournament.

First, on Dec. 29, the Bantam Red boys team beat Parkway to win the Mayor's Cup in a matchup at Boston College's Conte Forum. The Bantam Gold team competed against Parkway at the Conte Forum as well on Dec. 29, but the Parkway team came out on top.

On Dec. 31, in Hyde Park's Bajko Rink, the Mite White team prevailed to bring home the Mayor's Cup with their teammates. The Mite Gold team played South Boston but fell short.

All Dorchester Youth Hockey teams now return to their regular schedules and league play, with District playdown games coming up shortly.

## Neighborhood liaisons tapped for Cape Verdean, AAPI and Dot communities

New staffers have joined City Hall's Office of Neighborhood Services, with a focus on sections of Dorchester and the Cape Verdean and Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities.

"Liaisons play a crucial role in connecting residents to city services, and so I'm thrilled that for the first time we're adding dedicated staff to specifically partner with the Cape Verdean and AAPI residents of Boston," Mayor Wu said in a statement. "Additionally, our two new Dorchester liaisons will ensure that residents of one of the most diverse and largest neighborhoods feel connected to the work we're doing.'

Alize Cabral is the first person to serve as a liaison to the Cape Verdean community. A Boston native who has lived in Dorchester, Mattapan and Roxbury, she is the daughter of two Cape Verdeans. She is a graduate of the O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science and Wheelock College, which is now part of Boston University.

Kevin Tran, a Dorchester native who has served as the neighborhood liaison for Fields Corner and the local Vietnamese community since Oct. 2021, has a new title: AAPI cultural liaison.



Alize Cabral



**Ross Cochran** 



**Ashley Gomes** 

He has a degree in psychology from UMass Boston. Before his role in ONS, he worked as a specialist and paraprofessional within the Boston Public Schools system.

Ross Cochran is the new liaison for Dorchester. An Atlanta native and the son of a retired firefighter, he graduated from the University of North Georgia with a degree in political science. He's lived in Boston since 2020 and is a candidate for a master's in public administration



**Kevin Tran** 

at Northeastern University.

Ashley Gomes is the new liaison for "Mid-Dorchester," which City Hall defines as Uphams Corner, Bowdoin-Geneva, Four Corners and Codman Square. Gomes was born and raised in Uphams Corner, the daughter of Cape Verdean immigrants who came to Boston in the 1970s. She previously worked in the city's Inspectional Services Department.

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#### YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

**DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY** The Franklin Park Zoo







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Although Franklin designed the park, he the years and is now ac-

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#### THE YEAR IN POLITICS

## Wu hires have Dot connections ... New faces on Beacon Hill

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

Boston City Hall is ending 2022 with a well-stocked mayoral cabinet, including several members with Dorchester connections.

Mary Skipper, the superintendent of the Boston Public Schools (BPS), is a resident and the founding head of TechBoston Academy, formerly known as Dorchester High, while Michael Cox, the police commissioner, lived in the neighborhood before he decamped for Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Arthur Jemison, Wu's chief of planning, has returned to Dorchester, moving into a condo inside a three-decker, after stints working for the city of Detroit and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. He had previously worked for Gov. Deval Patrick's housing secretariat, as well as the Massachusetts Port Authority, the Boston Housing Authority, and the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), which he now oversees as director.

"I wanted to come back to the neighborhood because it's where my family and I've had great times," he told the Reporter in an interview earlier this

It's worth noting, of course, that the Wu administration has others with Dorchester ties: Operations chief Dion Irish and environment chief Mariama White-Hammond, who also founded Dorchester's New Roots AME Church, stayed on from previous administrations. Jessicah Pierre, Wu's communications chief, has lived in Dorchester and is former Reporter columnist.

But new hires Jemison, Skipper, and Cox have another thing in common: All



Mary Skipper: "It just feels natural to be back in my home community.'

face the task of rebuilding a societal trust that has crumbled in the face of scandals and public wariness of institutions.

Despite its rebranding under the Walsh administration, residents have continued to eye the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA, but still formally the Boston Redevelopment Authority) with suspicion. During the 2021 mayoral race, it continued to be a punching bag for candidates.

The city has remained one of the safest in America, the Boston Police Department has had criminals working at its desks, from overtime thieves to a longtime union leader convicted of child rape.

At BPS, enrollment continues declining as violence rocks some schools. Wu managed to stave off a state takeover of city schools just days before the School



Arthur Jemison: Dorchester "is where my family and I've had great times.'

Committee narrowly voted to choose Skipper, whom insiders viewed as the mayor's choice, too.

Skipper joined Wu at an event in Mattapan the day after the vote and told the Reporter that she has lived in the neighborhood for nearly 30 years. "I love Dorchester," she said. "I think being back in Boston, which literally raised me as an educator and where I learned to be a teacher, where I learned to be a principal and where I learned to be a district leader, it just feels so natural to be back and work in the community in which I live.'

#### Mattapan's Campbell wins AG race, Healey first openly gay gov

The City Council has become more of a launchpad for higher elected office in the last ten years than in the decade before, with Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Mayor Wu among the notables. Mattapan's Andrea Campbell added her name to the list this year.

Months after losing the 2021 mayoral preliminary, Campbell pivoted to running for attorney general, a statewide slot that opened up with Maura Healey deciding to pursue the governor's office. (Charlie Baker, part of a dwindling crew of moderate Massachusetts Republicans, tipped off the domino effect by saying he would not run for reelection.)

The Democratic primary largely came down to Campbell, who represented Mattapan and Dorchester as the District 4 councillor, and Shannon Liss-Riordan, a labor attorney who poured more than \$9 million of her own money into the campaign. For her part, Campbell raised millions from donors and benefited from the backing of an outside group, also known as super PAC, that had few fundraising restrictions.

Campbell won the primary by 16 points, and trounced the Republican nominee, Cape Cod attorney James McMahon, handing Massachusetts Democrats another victory. She is the first Black woman elected statewide and to hold the AG's office.

On the same ballot, Healey won and became the first elected woman, and the first openly gay person, to gain the chair in the Corner Office, handily beating former state Rep. Geoff Diehl, a Republican who welcomed the backing of a former president and insurrectionist who never picked up more than 34 percent of the vote in Massachusetts presidential elections.

In Boston, Diehl lost by more than 100,000 votes, a much larger margin than Baker saw four years ago, when

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he lost the Democratic stronghold by roughly 4,000 votes.

This year's ballot also had a so-called millionaires' tax, which passed 52 percent to 48 percent. The constitutional amendment, which proponents say will send billions into education and transportation accounts, sets up an additional 4 percent state income tax on annual taxable income above \$1 million. The tax kicks in this coming Sunday.

#### Down ballot bedlam

The statewide races were placid when compared to what was happening down ballot. An acerbic race for Suffolk district attorney dominated headlines in the leadup to the September primary, as Hyde Park Councillor Ricardo Arroyo and interim DA Kevin Hayden battled for the Democratic nomination.

Boston Globe stories about the candidates landed like depth charges: Hayden was accused of mishandling an investigation involving misconduct by Transit Police officers, and Arroyo fought back against sexual assault allegations from when he was a teenager. Neither allegation led to charges.

Hayden won 53.5 percent to Arroyo's 45.6 percent, with 8,340 people choosing to skip the race on their ballot. Hayden did not face a GOP opponent in the general election.

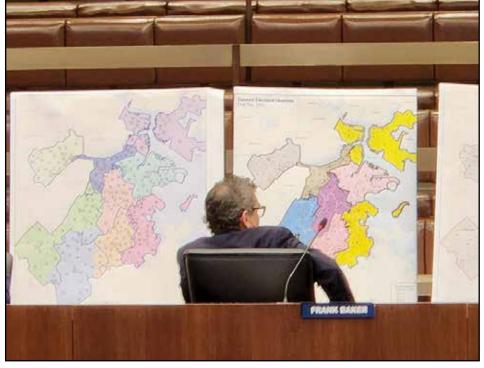
The primary was also decisive in campaigns for the Second Suffolk Senate district and the Fifth Suffolk House. The two open seats were the result of Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, first elected in 2008, deciding to run for governor. She suspended her campaign in June.

State Rep. Liz Miranda won a primary that included fellow state Rep. Nika Elugardo, former state Sen. Dianne Wilkerson, and former federal housing official Miniard Culpepper. In the contest for Miranda's seat, Boston Planning and Development staffer Chris Worrell beat Danielson Tavares, a former top aide in the Walsh administration.

Miranda and Worrell are set to be sworn in and start their two-year terms next week.

#### Five new councillors make their marks; redistricting roils body

The year began with five new



City Councillor Frank Baker of Dorchester mulls several redistricting maps Gintautas Dumcius photo

Council, and the body marking 200 years since the town of Boston became a city. Its first government comprised a mayor, a Board of Aldermen, and a Common Council with 55 members. Reform in 1909 led to a single City Council, and further changes (like the number of sitting members) followed over the years. It would take more than 100 years to see a woman or person of color elected to the city's legislature, as Mayor Wu pointed out at an outdoor swearing-in ceremony last January. Mildred Harris was the first woman elected to the City Council, representing Roxbury and the South End, in 1937.

The new members included Ruthzee Louijeune, the first Haitian American to serve; a former teacher, Erin Murphy of Dorchester; Roxbury's Tania Fernandes Anderson, the first Muslim and an immigrant from Cape Verde; Dorchester's Brian Worrell, the first Black man to serve on the council since 2017, when Tito Jackson gave up his seat to run for mayor; and Jamaica Plain's Kendra Lara, the first person of color to represent District 6. (Later in the year, East Boston's Gabriela Coletta, who has Italian and Mexican heritage, replaced her former boss, won a special state Senate election.)

The thirteen quickly turned to the business of choosing the council's president, an internally elected position. But while Ed Flynn won the presidency and the bigger office that comes with it, he obtained it with the help of Ricardo Arroyo and the Hyde Park councillor's allies, and Arroyo has continued to wield significant influence.

That became obvious during the battle over redrawing the council's district boundaries, also known as redistricting, a decennial affair that follows every US Census. Amid a divisive DA's race, Flynn had stripped Arroyo of his committee chairmanships, which included the responsibility for shepherding a new map focused on diversifying the population of the districts to the mayor's desk. The move drew rebukes from Arroyo's allies over a lack of due process.

But both publicly and behind the scenes, Arroyo worked with outside advocates and the new chair, Allston-Brighton's Liz Breadon, to craft compromise maps. The one that passed 9 to 4 and gained Mayor Wu's signature bore Arroyo's imprint.

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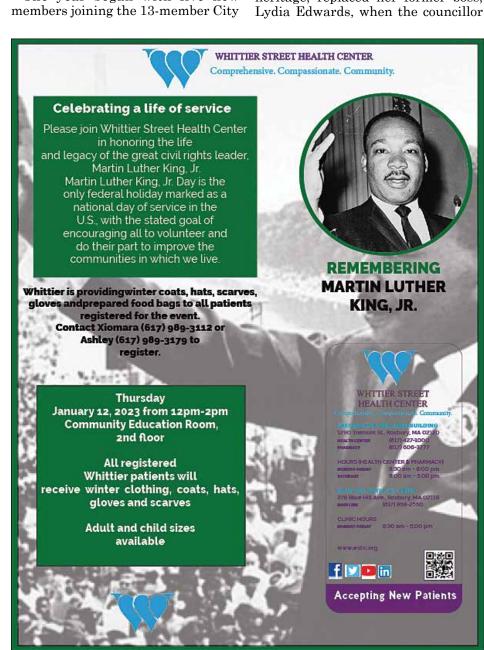
The discordant notes played during the DA's race carried over into the twists and turns of redistricting, as councillors haggled for weeks over which precincts would go where. Dorchester's Frank Baker, a Hayden supporter who on the Council floor referred to Arroyo as a "predator," saw a significant chunk of the southern section of his district shifted over into the district represented by Worrell, while Flynn lost several South Boston precincts to Baker.

Before the vote on the final map, an enraged Baker accused Breadon of anti-Catholic bias, a wild allegation that shocked and bewildered the assembled crowd in the Council chamber. Breadon hit back, telling colleagues, "That is not what's happening here. I'm standing up for the rights of minority communities - Hispanic, Asian, and Black to have equal access to voting, and to elect the candidate of their choice."

On Dec. 20, several days after the last Council meeting of the year, Flynn sent out a summary of 2022, calling it a "transitional year" for the city. The memo pointed to \$2.2 million for parks and playgrounds, support for renaming a South End school after former state Rep. Mel King, and \$500,000 for sidewalk improvements, among other items.

"The list of what we have worked on is long, and I have included more details below," Flynn wrote, citing hearings on pest control and trash containment and resolutions supporting various unions and declaring gun violence as a public health emergency. Redistricting went unmentioned.

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#### **Editorial**

## A word of thanks for Gov. Baker and family

Charlie Baker took his leave from state government this week, and from this vantage point, it's fair to say that the Baker years will be most warmly remembered for this governor's steady, effective leadership through the worst public health crisis in a century, the Covid pandemic.

When Baker made the traditional "lone walk" from the executive wing to the State House's seldom-used front entrance on Wednesday afternoon, he might be forgiven for experiencing a wistful sense of nostalgia for a building he has called his office – off and on – for three decades. And he should be buoyed by the fact that public polling has consistently found him among the most highly regarded governors in the country, and the most well-liked politician in Massachusetts.

It says something truly rotten about the Massachusetts Republican Party that— despite those remarkable distinctions — Baker was vilified by his own rank-and-file GOP members, particularly in his final two years in office. It's their loss, but it must be said: It's the Commonwealth's loss as well. Baker is a fundamentally good person whose inclination to serve in government and, thus, to eschew a more lucrative private career should not be dismissed out of hand. His calm, respectful tone toward colleagues on both sides of the aisle has been a refreshing counterpoint to the toxic, unhinged, and dysfunctional behavior personified in its most twisted form by the now-ex-president.

There's room for less charitable critiques of the Baker years—and this space has chimed in on those weak spots, particularly when it comes to public transportation and the deferred maintenance along Dorchester's coastal roads, which must be priorities for the next administration.

But, in a broad sense, Baker acquitted himself well as a chief executive who brought a moderate's temperament and cooperative spirit to governing. A skeptic might say that a Republican moderate operating in deep-blue Massachusetts had very little choice in the matter. It's sometimes forgotten that Baker failed in his first attempt to become governor, losing to incumbent Democrat Deval Patrick in 2010. Like many life lessons that end in defeat, that loss was instructive and, ultimately, led to improvements.

The Charlie Baker who eventually won the corner office— and held it with superlative popular support for eight years— was a different candidate and leader— with a winning style that made him likeable and respected. He met weekly with the top Democrats in the State House— the speaker and Senate President. But Baker was also intentional about forming close working relationships, more akin to friendships, with other leaders, like Boston's former mayor, Marty Walsh. Their rapport was genuine and in times of emergency and tough calls, it made a difference.

And to his unending credit, Baker bucked his party's national trend and descent into madness, while overseeing an impressive period of economic stability, despite the disruptions and upheaval of Covid.

As the State House News Service put it this week: "Baker's two terms as governor saw the state budget shift from a structural deficit to a surplus so large that the state by law had to give nearly \$3 billion back to taxpayers. He managed the state through the first pandemic in a century, holding nearly-daily briefings on a virus that few people understood and promoting vaccinations that have helped the economy rebound."

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Gov. Charlie Baker and his wife Lauren walking down the street from their house to the polling station in Swampscott. Below, right: Baker, accompanied by his family, at his first swearing in as governor nearly eight years ago.

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Finally, a word about his family. The never-ending pressures and pace of a life devoted to the public good can be a tough burden on the home front—and the Bakers experienced that early and often, particularly through the excesses of protests and trespassers who made their way to their front door. We owe Charlie and Lauren Baker— and their kids—a collective salute of thanks this week. May their next chapter bring them good health, success, and much happiness.





## My 'to-do' list for Fifth Suffolk district

By Chris Worrell

Thank you, residents of the Fifth Suffolk District, for trusting me with the job of proudly representing you as your state representative. This is the moment where we can create systemic change that will af-



Chris Worrell

fect generations to come. As state representative, my goals are threefold: delivering resources to the district; providing world-class constituent services; and creating policies that will improve the lives of residents.

Throughout my career, I've heard the same complaint about the government: It isn't there when you need it most. In my first term serving the Fifth Suffolk, I will strive to change that reality for so many in my district.

Liz Miranda, my predecessor and the newly elected state senator for the Second Suffolk District, did an incredible job serving this community and I am eager to combine forces with her to continue making our district a better place to live.

Delivering resources to my community entails increased, predictable, affordable public transportation, updating our infrastructure, and ensuring that our citizens have access to affordable healthcare. Our seniors, our youth, and our new and returning citizens need resources and I will do my best to deliver them.

As a former constituent services director and community outreach liaison for the state, I understand how imperative it is that people have access to their elected officials. I believe in community-based leadership that empowers residents, and delivers effective and responsive constituent services. My brother, City Councillor Brian Worrell, and I will open a joint district office that will serve as our community's home base. We will host office hours and meetings where constituents can voice their opinions. This will create an accessible pipeline between my community and the State House.

Growing up in Dorchester, I felt the implications of biased policies that negatively impacted my community. As your representative, I will launch the Black and Brown Economic Empowerment Agenda on Beacon Hill. I will push for progressive

legislation that helps Black and Brown people and promotes issues specific to the Fifth Suffolk district. These issues are rooted in our neighborhoods. By increasing accessible affordable homeownership, demanding increased public safety, and improving our schools, we can create tangible change.

I grew up on Fuller Street and then Hewins Street, and I had the opportunity to see my parents and grandparents pursue the American dream of homeownership. My wife and I now own a home in the same neighborhood with our two beautiful children and are pursuing our passions in life. I am living my dream and I want to help others live theirs.

Many Bostonians are often forced into insecure housing situations. This leads to relocation out of the city, or even the state, separating families and taking their creativity, energy, and resources elsewhere. We need to reimagine what housing opportunities look like for Black and Brown communities in Massachusetts. I plan to spearhead the development of affordable housing, not just to rent, but to own, for people in our community.

When I worked at the State House for state Sen. Nick Collins, we passed the police reform bill. I hope to continue these efforts to diversify the force, increase accountability, and prioritize mental health resources. I plan to put public safety at the forefront of my priorities and will support measures to create a safer environment for our residents and our police.

I've also seen first-hand the disparities in educational opportunities in Massachusetts. As a student in METCO, I rode the bus for an hour and fifteen minutes each way to Lincoln-Sudbury and experienced one of Massachusetts's better-resourced districts. I then attended BPS in high school and saw the vast differences between our education systems.

From the nutrition of the lunches to bars on the windows, to air quality, to the lack of learning material, I was a witness to the inequalities that set some up for success and others for failure. It is my mission to close the educational wealth gap so all children have an equal chance at academic achievement.

I am honored to have been chosen to represent the incredible people that make up the Fifth Suffolk District of Massachusetts. You have placed your faith in me to improve your lives and the lives of our future generations. I intend to leverage this opportunity to create change for the people that need it the most: our community.

Chris Worrell is the state representative for the Fifth Suffolk District.

## **Notable State House stories in 2022**

Compiled by the staff of the State House News Service.

The turning of the calendar is always a time for reflection, and that's especially the case after a year that brought so much change.

It wasn't just the politics or the personnel that crossed the horizon this past year, though. A tax law reemerged in a big way for the first time since the Reagan administration and the Covid-19 pandemic shifted from a bruising daily focus to a latent risk we might always need to manage.

And that doesn't even cover some of the topics that did not win enough votes from State House reporters to land on this year-end list, like the near-sweep of statewide offices by women candidates, a return to in-person public events under the Golden Dome, or the unexpected arrival on Martha's Vineyard of dozens of migrants flown there by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis.

Many members of the press corps struggled to meet the original deadline to get in their ballots for the top news stories of 2022, but don't hold that against them. Here's the breakdown:

**Healey Cruises to Corner Office** 

There was a lot of commentary about how this was a quiet gubernatorial campaign, and the Democratic primary race was effectively over months before Democrats officially picked Maura Healey as their standard-bearer. But Healey's landslide victory in November made the history books twice over, and several reporters cited these historic "firsts" as they voted Healey's win as the top story of the year. It's the first time Bay Staters chose a woman as governor (Gov. Jane Swift inherited the role after Gov. Paul Cellucci's resignation), and the first time Massachusetts voters chose an openly gay person as the state's chief executive. Look back just a couple decades, and gay rights were a major battleground on Beacon Hill. After eight years of Republican leadership, this fall was also the first time that voters picked a Democrat for the corner office since 2010, and Healey will be just the second Democrat to hold the job since 1991.

Healey also broke the so-called "curse" of attorneys general who run for governor. The last former AG to win election as governor was Paul Dever in 1948, and the last sitting AG to win the governorship was John Clifford in 1852. Many have tried since – names like Coakley, Reilly, Harshbarger, Bellotti, Quinn. Healey's ascension also played into one of the runner-up top stories that made it onto a few reporters' ballots – what a big election cycle it was for women in general. Massachusetts voters chose women to fill five of the six constitutional offices, another first.

#### – SAM DORAN **Historic Tax Relief**

Catches Lawmakers Off Guard It was like an unexpected sun shower a perfect summer day. It caught the Legislature off guard and left its members all wet. Moments from wrapping up months of work on a targeted tax relief proposal and sweeping spending bill, Democratic legislative leaders were informed by Gov. Baker that they had forgotten about a 1980s voter law that was about to kick in and require nearly \$3 billion in tax relief. The news buckled lawmakers. They dashed their own pre-election tax relief and spending plans and, very reluctantly, acceded to the fact that the Chapter 62F rebates were legally due to taxpayers and there was nothing that they would

The 62F saga unfolded in a shroud of intrigue, as evidence emerged that the Baker administration might have known for a few months that the tax relief bombshell was building and didn't share that information with Democrats. Tipping them off might have put the tax relief at risk, although Baker's team didn't say that publicly, offering only that everyone had access to the

same information about exploding state tax revenues that were blasting past the tax cap. After months of handwringing, lawmakers shrunk their economic development bill and passed it without their own targeted tax relief despite election season prodding from both Baker and Maura Healey as she beat the tax relief drum on the way to winning the governor's race.

## MICHAEL P. NORTON After Years of Debate, Sports Betting Legalized

Congrats to everyone who took the over. The so-called Big Three (Gov. Baker, House Speaker Robert DeLeo, and Senate President Harriette Chandler) and other key lawmakers agreed in May 2018 that sports betting was something that deserved their attention. "Everything is worth a look," then-Senate Ways and Means Chairwoman Karen Spilka said. "Whether or not we can do it we'll have to see, but we'll consider it."

It wasn't apparent at the time, but that "we'll have to see" from Spilka foreshadowed what ended up being a four-year debate that pitted the House against the Senate and DeLeo's successor (House Speaker Ronald Mariano) against Chandler's successor (Spilka). Representatives overwhelmingly approved betting legalization twice, but Spilka's Senate kept it bottled up in committee as she looked for "some sort of consensus." A News Service survey in March found that at least 60 percent of senators supported legalizing sports wagering and the Senate passed its own bill in late April. Then things got even messier. Mariano said he didn't get the point of the Senate's "paternalistic" bill, and later a top senator accused the speaker of misleading the public about the Senate's stance.

Amid House-Senate negotiations, Spilka made it clear that she had other priorities, regularly pointing to the Senate's mental health care bill when asked about betting. So maybe it was no coincidence that a final sports betting compromise was announced simultaneously with word of a mental health agreement around 5 a.m. on Aug. 1. As the Senate wrapped up major lawmaking for the session that morning, the sports betting bill was the very last item enacted by the Senate and sent to the governor's desk.

#### - COLIN A. YOUNG GOP In Turmoil,

#### Dems Sweep Statewide Races

By the time 2022 began, the people in charge of the Republican State Committee, first and foremost its chairman Jim Lyons, had decided they preferred pro-Trump, anti-abortion candidates over the most popular governor in America, and Charlie Baker, Karyn Polito and their like-minded followers had decided to step aside and let them go ahead and see how that worked out. The rest of the year was an exercise in waiting around to see if the polls were accurate. They certain National Republican money flowed to other states and seats seen as more likely to yield victory for the GOP. Independents were disinclined to elect an anti-abortion governor, and the governing philosophy that suited them was already sitting in the corner office, albeit packing up his belongings. Geoff Diehl wasn't able to raise enough money to get his anti-tax, anti-vax (mandate) message across, and he lost big. He didn't pull the rest of the ticket down with him so much as accompany them, and Democrats added to their supermajorities in the Legislature and will possess all six constitutional offices for the next four years. Whether the GOP found the experience instructive remains to be seen.

#### CRAIG SANDLER "Millionaires" Surtax Prevails at Ballot Box

For the first time since 2000, Massachusetts voters this fall agreed to make a change to the state's constitution, shifting the state away from the long-

standing flat income tax rate structure to levy a 4 percent surtax on top of the state's 5 percent flat tax for the portion of annual household income above \$1 million. Designed to raise an estimated \$1.3 billion a year for transportation and education causes, the surtax was pushed largely by organized labor and legislative Democrats who want millionaires to pay their "fair share." Much of the Bay State business community was on the other side, arguing that an additional tax on higher-earners will make Massachusetts less competitive at a time when it is easier than ever for people and businesses to relocate (even if just on tax forms) to a tax-free or low-tax state.

Moving forward, all eyes are on how the Legislature uses the surtax revenue. If the money is spent, it is supposed to go toward the broad categories of education or transportation, but it remains to be seen whether surtax money supplements or replaces the funding that the Legislature already provides for those causes.

## COLIN A. YOUNG Beacon Hill Reacts to End of Roe v. Wade

The US Supreme Court's conservative majority sent shockwaves across the country with a June 24 ruling that spiked the 49-year-old Roe v. Wade decision conferring a national right to an  $abortion. \,Within \,moments, Republican$ Gov. Baker issued an executive order seeking to shield abortion providers and patients in Massachusetts from legal consequences in other states, and reproductive rights advocates sprang into action both here and nationally. Lawmakers crafted a bill codifying protections similar to those Baker ordered and rolling out other measures to promote access to reproductive and gender-affirming care, such as requiring health insurers to cover abortions without any cost-sharing measures.

## CHRIS LISINSKI Immigrant Driver's License Bill Survives Challenge

When a bill becomes a law, the headline often goes to the governor who wields the pen. But one momen-

tous (and controversial) law in 2022 originated as solely the Legislature's achievement. After years of protests and rallies, like last session's hunger strike in Nurses Hall, advocates for the so-called "Work and Family Mobility Act" found favor with House Speaker Ronald Mariano shortly into the speaker's second year in office. The bill they'd long pushed for would open driver's license eligibility to immigrants without legal status here, provided they produce certain identifying documents from their home country. The branches ultimately overrode a veto from Gov. Baker, and Mariano and Senate President Karen Spilka hosted their own override-signing ceremony akin to the bill-signings Baker usually stages. A grassroots opposition group launched a signature-gathering drive to place the law before voters in November and managed to round up enough signatures on a narrow deadline, but a majority of Bay Staters agreed with their legislators – 53.9 percent, to be exact – and felt that driver's licenses should be available to everyone regardless of legal residency status. Opposed by Baker and 46.1 percent of voters, the new law takes effect next summer. - SAM DORAN

#### Covid Slips Out of Daily Headlines

In each of the past two years, State House reporters voted the pandemic as the most newsworthy story of the year. So it might seem a bit odd to reflect as 2022 draws to a close that, although the virus that upended public life and led to so much suffering is still with us, the way we collectively think and talk about it has fundamentally shifted. Many of the pandemic-era changes figure to be permanent, such as more widespread embrace of working remotely at least part-time among industries where that's possible. But long gone are the near-daily press briefings from Gov. Baker and his health and education deputies, bamboozling vaccine eligibility guidelines, most mask mandates, and the padlock blocking access to the State House.

CHRIS LISINSKI



## Youth Soccer stages a strong comeback in Dot

### League head: We're 'getting there again'

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

After the cancellation of two consecutive seasons during the height of Covid, Dorchester Youth Soccer (DYS) is regaining traction and players as it looks to exceed pre-pandemic numbers in the new year. Registration for the spring season is already underway and league leaders are optimistic about the renewal.

"I feel like we've revived from Covid for sure," said Matt O'Shea, a board member and assistant coach. "We actually have more kids participating now than we did in 2019. I would say DYS has rebounded well."

Michael Hegarty, the league's president, said the fall season, which ended in November, was a big success. "The numbers of participants are definitely up, especially now that kids are feeling some sense of getting back to normal life. The program is getting there again," he said.

DYS caters to children ages 4 to 14, and in 2019, DYS had a total of around 450 kids registered. This past fall, the in-house league of younger kids that meets on Sundays at Pope John Paul II Park had more than 500 kids. The travel team program of boys and girls



Players at the in-house DYS league doing drills last fall in Pope John Paul II Park.

Seth Daniel photo

in grades 3 to 8 boasted 119 kids on nine teams.

"I think it's a really well-run program and we have a lot of dedicated board members," said Randal Walker, who currently coaches the boy's 8th grade team. "We have board members who have kids that aged out years ago from DYS and they're still there giving their time. My kids have grown up in the program and enjoyed it. Lots of neighborhood kids have had the same experience."

O'Shea is an assistant coach on the girls 3-4 grade travel team. The head coach is Harold Miller, and both said that beyond the goals and the wins and losses, they've seen their daughters develop friendships and life skills.

"It's not just about developing athletics and physical fitness, but also they're developing friendships," said O'Shea. "I've seen the girls gel and create friendships, more so

with the travel teams than the in-house league. Once they are on a travel team, they really grow closer. They end up going to birthdays and some of them even got together to watch the World Cup recently. Being in competition also teaches them to navigate conflict."

Miller, a onetime college basketball player, has found a great deal of enjoyment guiding his daughter and her friends as a coach. Overall, he said, he has enjoyed watching them become more confident on the field and in school.

Hegarty has been involved with the program for many years and is one of many examples of leaders who stuck with DYS even after their children left. His daughter went from DYS to play varsity soccer at Fontbonne.

"My daughter is a sophomore in college now and I'm still coaching," he said. "It's really the enjoyment you get out of it, and I enjoy coaching the kindergartners. There's nothing like a kid that's never played soccer and they get their first goal—there's a lot of enjoyment in that. It really becomes like a family."

Hegarty said the magic of the program has been the good start players get at the in-house league. In both spring and fall, hundreds of parents can be found assembled at Pope John Paul II Park on Sundays, with youngsters from age 4 up to grade 2 learning to play. Through that in-house program, DYS has been able to introduce all kinds of players to the game, and many have stuck with it through grade 8.

"Our travel teams are great programs, but the in-house is a great start for so many of our younger players," he said. "If they're new to soccer, it gives them a good place to learn. They can ease their way into it. We do get a lot of kids within



Harold Miller watches his charges during practice last fall at Hemenway Park. Miller coaches one of the girls grade 3-4 travel teams for Dorchester Youth Soccer.

Seth Daniel photo

the neighborhood, and they get into it and their friends get into it."

Walker coached for five years in the in-house league, and then moved up with his kids. Now in his third year of coaching 8th graders, he said it does become more difficult to keep a team together as kids get older—especially with other sports and club teams competing for kids.

"That's one thing that happens: As they get older it becomes harder to play multiple sports if you're particularly good at one of them," he said. "Some of my players decided not to play this year because they went with club soccer teams, and they have three practices per week and a lot of games.

"Dorchester is huge and maybe we're missing something in regard to recruiting," Walker added.

For more information on DYS or to register for the spring season online, log onto dyssoccer.com.

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# 'Stop the Beef' hotline is fueling effort to stem bloodshed in the city

(Continued from page 1) been successful. Each of them had the potential to eventually be deadly conflicts."

District 4 Councillor Brian Worrell said he supports the efforts of the hotline and plans to include the the 10,000 Fearless program in his upcoming safety plan. "If we are to ensure our communities are safe and healthy, we need to expand our collaboration with community partners who already have a presence on the streets, in our neighborhoods, and are empowering community members,' he said. "Relationships and trust cannot be manufactured, and that is what is needed in order for programs to work." He added that the hotline makes sense as a solution grounded in reality, "Most mothers don't want to call the police on their child. Most people seeking retaliation aren't thinking of calling the police when they have a personal dispute with someone. This is why it's important to have an alternative."

The group stages weekly peace walks in areas that have recently experienced violent incidents. Last Tuesday, the "Hour of Power" walk made its way through Grove Hall where 10 to 20 members – most wearing their trademark bright orange clothing – marched through the neighborhood with a megaphone announcing



Members of the 10,000 Fearless Peacemakers on their weekly peace walk, known as the Hour of Power, in the Grove Hall neighborhood on Dec. 27. The group has been "present for peace" since 2019.

Seth Daniel photo

their presence. They handed out palm cards that read, "We are present for peace; making our communities a safe and decent place to live."

They spoke to people on the corners, people sitting in their cars, and folks taking a break on their front porches. The response from the streets seemed enthusiastic. Along the walk, several folks called out from third-story windows in affirmation, thanking the men for their efforts.

While the outings have gone on for several years,

this winter, the group is highlighting its "Stop the Beef Hotline," which started in 2021 and is something Muhammad hopes will result in more interventions. The number is 1-833-4-NO-SMOKE, or 1-833-466-7665 by the numbers.

"We're really trying to get that number out and people will know they can call it," he said, emphasizing that the effort isn't anti-establishment, but rather pro-community. "The police have their job to do, and this is to serve and protect,

but more importantly it is to solve crimes and I believe they're required to do that," he added. "The good thing about us not being the police but a community-based solution is I'm not interested in arresting you or solving crimes that may have been committed; I'm only interested in stopping the violence.

"Guys aren't going to be truthful and have that level of transparency to really solve the situation."

Muhammad said that group members present themselves as a neutral third party group dedicated to de-escalation and conflict resolution. They take calls from individuals going through conflict or from people who know of a situation. Usually, both parties want an off-ramp, but don't know where to find that. In other cases, they can't allow a situation of disrespect to go unchallenged, as it could lead to a reputation of weakness, and further victimization.

"A lot of times people feel compelled to violence and that's because in our culture that's the only remedy to solve problems," Muhammad said. "We aren't taught how to solve conflict peacefully...There is an idea that as a man or a stand-up guy there are things you have to do. A lot of times people are trying to save face and don't know a way out. We're offering that other option..."

Mediation sessions typically start when a call is made to the hotline. Three members of the 10,000 Fearless have phones that take such calls, which Muhammad said is the "low budget" way of doing things, but the only way to do it right now. Members put together a mediation team and identify four or five members who will sit in the session. Then they talk to both beefing parties separately and work

For the actual mediation, they offer a neutral location with a safe environment where everyone is searched, and parties arrive at staggered times through separate entrances. Because members like Minister Randy have worked as chaplains in the state prisons and county Houses of Correction for many years, they carry a respect and trust on the streets that allows those in conflict to avoid violence and still "save face" with others.

out a time for mediation.

So far, the 10,000 Fearless have had 7 to 10 successful mediations that likely saved lives, Muhammad said. "All of them really had the potential to be conflicts that could be deadly. I'm really proud that we've done that," he added. "They were serious and not school-yard beefs. These were grown men, hardened criminals who had been in and out of jail and were gang-involved and who carry guns. They were serious

conflicts."

The minister is joined by members who he says are trained in conflict resolution, CPR, First Aid, mediation, and non-violent self-defense based on a curriculum developed from a national peacemaking initiative. Some 30 men have graduated and are certified.

"No one else will do this so we have to do it," said member Brother Jeffrey 4X. "Someone has to come out to where people are at. They have to look them in the eye and let them know they care... We knock on their doors, and we greet them from the sidewalk. They need us out here. They want us here."

Added member Jah Rab, "People want peace. Too many people want to go in a room and close the door and that isn't getting it done. If we don't do this, who will?"

With some successes over the last year, the 10,000 Fearless Peacemakers hope this year to add more local men to their ranks and get more backing from city officials. Muhammad said they would like to have publicity materials promoting their hotline in public places, on bill-boards, and on the MBTA buses.

"When you have an organic group coming out of the community doing an initiative in the best interest of everyone, that should be supported," he said.



## Warning of shortfall on emergency shelters

By SAM DRYSDALE AND CHRIS LISINSKI STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

The outgoing Baker administration expects that the state's emergency assistance shelter system will burn through available funding and no longer be able to guarantee spots for eligible families by late March, a deadline that one top lawmaker described as "a little bit arbitrary."

Escalating a weeks-long push for an injection of state dollars amid an influx of families in need, top Baker administration deputies formally warned lawmakers in a Dec. 28 letter that within 90 days, the Department of Housing and Community Development "will not be able to immediately place all eligible families into [emergency assistance] shelter."

The executive branch will be able to continue operating its existing network of 3,500 shelter units, but without additional funding, it will need to cease efforts to expand the number of available shelter units, Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy and Department of Housing and Community Development Undersecretary Jennifer Maddox wrote.

"At that time, placements of new families into shelter will be possible solely upon availability of suitable shelter units," the letter said of the 90-day deadline. "Without adequate appropriations to expand capacity, it is probable that the EA system will be unable to accommodate families who otherwise

would be forced to remain in unsafe situations or sleep in cars, emergency rooms, or other places not intended for human habitation.'

Gov. Baker filed legislation on Nov. 18 asking lawmakers to put \$130 million toward standing up more than 1,300 emergency shelter units, offering provider rate increases, funding a central intake center for newly arrived families, and helping place students in local schools.

More than 2,000 migrants, primarily from Haiti and South American countries, arrived in the Boston area between May and August 2022, the state's Congressional delegation said in October in a plea to the federal government for more resources to help local organizations deal with growing influx of people.



## As 2023 rolls in, status of BPDA ranks high on city watch list

(Continued from page 1)

Kyle Clauss, a former reporter for the Lowell Sun and Boston magazine who that year was attending law school in Vermont. (Now a municipal lawyer in the Green Mountain State, he declined comment for this story.)

The document, which Wulater rolled into her mayoral campaign platform, carried a populist tone. "Created in the postwar age of urban renewal at the request of Boston's business elite, the BPDA is an anachronism plagued by lack of transparency and misguided priorities," the paper's executive summary said.

Past reform efforts and a rebrand, which came after audits under the Walsh administration, fell short, Wu argued, as the independent quasi-public operation continued to depend on "political relationships and special exceptions." It should be standardized and streamlined to promote predictability, she said.

Wu's proposal encountered pushback from both inside the BPDA and on the campaign trail, from opponents who said the BPDA had improved in the last decade and noted that getting  $\,$ rid of the authority requires buy-in from the Legislature.

But abolishment of the "unaccountable super-agency" does not rest only on a home-rule petition that must pass muster up on Beacon Hill, Wu's paper said. Property holdings that drive the BPDA's operating budget can be returned to city ownership, and BPDA staffers can be shifted to the city's budget. In other words, there is more than one way to skin a cat, even one that has already had multiple surplus lives, like the BPDA, which still goes by its original name, Boston Redevelopment Authority, in official documents.

Three years after the release of the Wu proposal, the mayor still appears to be on a track for moves that will that significantly reorder, if not outright abolish, the 65-year-old authority. Following the rendition of "Happy Birthday" last January, there was an exodus from the agency, including BPDA chief Brian Golden. Wu replaced him with Arthur Jemison, whose career spans all levels of government, from the BRA to HUD. He wears two hats – director of the BPDA and chief of planning. Hiring to fill open positions at the BPDA has continued apace.

At a mid-December reporter roundtable inside City Hall, Wu and Jemison, joined by housing chief Sheila Dillon, laid out proposed changes to the city's development process that involve increasing affordable housing commitments from developers.

The mayor continued to bang the drum on predictability, calling it a "huge part of what we hear" is needed in the development process. "We are project-by-project right now fighting to ing there a good amount of the time, but with months of conversation and negotiation and working from every angle to get it done," she said.

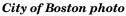
The fact that we could make it consistent not only takes all of that time and puts it back into what the project can actually use it for to deepen affordability and get shovels in the ground," she said, "but it's also very important for how business is conducted across the city – that it's not based on who has a better relationship or a more familiar lawyer with these systems."

Near the close of the roundtable, a reporter asked what the future holds for the BPDA. Wu looked to Jemison, and then said they will have "more to say" in January.

The BPDA may not be the only entity that will encounter big changes in the new year. If 2022 was about resurfacing, mixing Zoom calls with in-person meetings as the pandemic thrummed in the background, then 2023 may be about restructuring. Here's what else



The BPDA has long been a target of Mayor Wu.





Councillor Ricardo Arroyo speaks at the Aug. 31 City Council meeting as his father, Felix D. Arroyo, the register of probate, looks on from the audience.

to look for in the coming months.

#### Plans for elected school panel could move ahead

The 2021 ballot that featured Wu facing off against fellow City Councillor At-Large Annissa Essaibi George also had a nonbinding question, which asked voters if Boston should return

The "yes" side picked up 99,000 votes out of the 125,945 cast on the school committee question, more than the 92,000 votes out of 143,514 people who cast ballots for mayor.

Last year came and went without much formal action, to the annoyance of proponents of an elected panel, but that could change this year.

According to Hyde Park Councillor Ricardo Arroyo, who chairs the Government Operations committee, which is crafting the legislative switch to an elected panel, two things still have to be hammered out.

First, there's the student seat. Arroyo and others want the student member to have a vote, but they're figuring out how the student would be selected and how she or he would participate.

The second thing is everything else: The size of the elected body and the time frame for implementation. There could be nine people, aligned with the number of City Council districts. There could be some at-large members, though keeping the panel at an odd number is key.

Wu prefers a hybrid, with both elected and mayorally appointed members. Arroyo told the *Reporter* that he doesn't believe a hybrid is off the table, but it hasn't surfaced in talks with his colleagues or in his frequent conersations with the mayor. to hearing it if it comes up," he said.

Asked if he has a preference, Arroyo said he leans toward all-elected. "It doesn't make a whole lot of sense from the standpoint of good government to have half of the school committee responsive to the residents and the other half responsive to the mayor.'

He acknowledged the worries of a return to the bad old days of an elected school committee, and the racist reputation it gave the city. But he said the city is now in a different era, with different potential candidates.

It's unlikely that school committee elections will appear on the municipal ballot this year 2023, with Arroyo discussing tying them to a state election before syncing them to municipal

Whatever form the final proposal takes, Arroyo is seeking a supermajority of his colleagues supporting what lands on Wu's desk. "I don't intend to send her something that passed 7-6,"

#### The MBTA

Gov. Healey has been handed an MBTA in crisis by her predecessor, Charlie Baker. Just by looking at the Dorchester leg of the Red Line, you can see that stations are in disrepair, and JFK/UMass, a major transit hub, is in desperate need of an overhaul.

Healey, who will be hiring a new general manager for the T, has pledged to hire a transportation chief focused on safety, as well as a deputy GM of operations and a deputy GM of capital planning.

The transportation plan unveiled during her gubernatorial campaign indicated that more is in the works: The state's transportation department system is a "patchwork" of different agencies, a "perplexing" structure, and a lack of cohesion, all of which have affected employees, who work long hours and feel demoralized. "A 'righting of the ship' needs to include both a governance structure overhaul with inspired leadership and a concerted effort to make transportation workers feel valued again," her plan said.

The governor also has pitched transitioning the Fairmount Line, which runs through Dorchester and Mattapan, into a "rapid transit" system.

#### Odds and ends

lot this year, and incumbents ramped up fundraising before the end of 2022, before finance limits reset....How far will rent control, or rent stabilization, get on Beacon Hill? Healey has said she is open to municipalities setting their own course...The city budget process gets underway again, as councillors get another crack at the expanded powers granted to them by a 2021 ballot question. (They can modify and amend appropriations in the operating budget but cannot exceed the total amount in what the mayor proposed.)

The first attempt didn't go well, as confused councillors made changes they did not have the authority to make, according to the Boston Municipal Research Bureau. They eventually fumbled their way around to sending the mayor an operating budget that redistributed \$9.9 million, or "0.6% of the appropriations the City Council had authority to amend," the bureau said in its after-action review.

## Fieldhouse nets 'Legacy' \$300k gift from Bruins, Red Sox, NHL



Retired Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask outfits TJ Gay of the BGCD with goalie equipment before a ball hockey clinic at the Dorchester Avenue club on Saturday.

#### By Seth Daniel News Editor

The NHL Winter Classic, played on Monday before a sell-out crowd of some 39,000 at Fenway Park, ended in a 2-1 victory for the Boston Bruins over the Pittsburgh Penguins. But the event wasn't just a thrill for ice hockey fans. Two days before, on New Year's Eve, NHL officials and former Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask visited the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD) to present a \$300,000 check in support of the Dorchester Fieldhouse project, a joint venture between BGCD and the Martin Richard Foundation (MRF).

The donation was made on behalf of the Boston Bruins Foundation, with support from the NHL and the Red Sox, along with other benefactors.

Jeff Scott, vice president of community development for the NHL, said the league has been supporting "Legacy Projects" in Winter Classic host cities since 2003, at a cost of more than \$6 million - including one in Charlestown in 2016. He said the 2023 project will leave a legacy of growing the game for underrepresented people in the hockey world like "young girls, people in the BIPOC communities, and with those in the disabled community."

"If hockey is for everyone, we want to believe that and take actions to grow the game in that way," he noted. "We are beyond excited for this opportunity and want to make sure the 50,000 young people



Blades the Bruin tries a slapshot on BGCD member TJ Gay in goal.



BGCD member Jakob Taylor was all laughs as he watched his teammates march down the gym.

this community serves can access this amazing fieldhouse."

Bob Sweeney, president of the Boston Bruins Foundation, said that the Fieldhouse—which will be built on Mount Vernon Street on Dorchester's Columbia



BGCD's Bob Scannell, MRF's Bill Richard, and Bob Sweeney of the Bruins Foundation celebrate the occasion.

Seth Daniel photos

Point— was the perfect choice.

"We went back and forth about building a

playground at a school or a club around Fenway,' said Sweeney, who was on hand for the event, which included a street hockey game inside the Marr Clubhouse on Deer Street. "But the more and more we talked with Bob [Scannell, president/ CEO of BGCD] and Bill [Richard of MRF], the Fieldhouse just made so much sense. The amounts of kids it will serve and the opportunities there will be amazing."

The Dorchester Fieldhouse, approved for construction by city officials last year, will be a fully accessible, indoor facility to include state-of-theart, athletic amenities and other programming. It will serve more than 50,000 young people who live within a three-mile radius of the site.

Bill Richard was on hand for the event, along with his wife Denise and Martin's sister Jane.

"Our relationship with the Bruins goes way back," said Bill. "It was hard for me to watch hockey games after 2013, but the Bruins reached out to us and what you do for us and other families whose lives have taken a turn for the worse, it just shows how the community has come to rely on you, the Bruins Foundation and the Red Sox Foundation to lift people up."

As eager children awaited a chance to play hockey in the gym with retired goalie Tuukka Rask, Richard recalled how his son, Martin, and siblings used to play street hockey in their driveway at home.

"Heloved baseball and

"He loved baseball, and even though he hated the cold, he loved hockey," recalled Richard. "They always played street hockey and Martin would play with his siblings...I remember two minutes for high sticking (from Jane) and Martin getting stitches in his eye."

"I still wouldn't take that back," shouted Jane, now a high school student, with a laugh from the back.

Bill Richard said their entire family and the BGCD are excited for the fundraising momentum the Legacy Project status provided and are hopeful for a groundbreaking in 2023. "It's high time Dorchester had a facility like this," he said.

The \$300,000 donation to the fieldhouse comes in combination from the NHL, the Boston Bruins, the Boston Bruins Foundation, the Boston Red Sox, and the Boston Red Sox Foundation.



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# CONNECT THE DOT: 2023 Winter Classic Supports BGCD & Martin Richard Foundation as Legacy Project Recipients Benefitting Field House Project: The 2023 Winter Classic™ Legacy

The 2023 Winter Classic™ Legacy Project was announced at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester this past Saturday! As a legacy of the 2023 NHL Winter Classic™, The National Hockey League (NHL), Boston Bruins, and Boston Red Sox announced their support of our Dorchester Field House in partnership with Martin Richard Foundation with a check for \$300,000.

After the check presentation, BGCD Members participated in a clinic and scrimmage game with Bob Sweeney, Tuukka Rask, Andrew Raycroft, and some of their favorite mascots. Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester and the Martin Richard Foundation would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone involved for their generosity and support of our project.

## FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Members Attend 2023 Winter

**Classic as Part of Legacy Project:** As a part of the 2023 Winter Classic™ Legacy Project, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester members and parents were invited to attend this year's Winter Classic game at Fenway Park this past Monday. Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester and the Martin Richard Foundation's Dorchester Field House project was selected as the recipient of the 50/50 raffle for this year's Winter Classic. Our members and families were thrilled to be representing BGCD at Fenway Park. They enjoyed taking pictures with Bruins mascot, Blades, eating delicious Fenway franks, and celebrating an exciting Bruins win.

A huge thank you to The National Hockey League (NHL), Boston Bruins and Boston Red Sox for providing this once in a lifetime opportunity to our members.



## DID YOU KNOW: BGCD To Host Scholarship Night for Teens: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester will be hosting a

of Dorchester will be hosting a Scholarship Night event on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

The event is open to all High School Juniors & Seniors (HS Freshmen & Sophomores are also welcome) and will be held at our Denney Center location at 270 Mount Vernon Street. Scholarship representatives will be on hand and info on other scholarship opportunities will be shared. Dinner will be provided and raffle prizes will be included.

Transportation from the BGCD sites will be offered and the event is open to Parents as well.

To learn more about the event or to RSVP, please contact Tricia Chapple at pchapple@bgcdorchester.org.

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## Constitutional officers and legislators set to get significant pay hikes this year

By Colin A. Young AND SAM DRYSDALE STATE HOUSE

News Service

The state's top officials are in line for substantial pay raises in the new year, with constitutional officers likely taking in 20 percent more than in 2022. State lawmakers are also set to receive their fourth pay raise since 2017, this one worth more than 4 per-

Adjustments to legislative base pay are required biennially under the state Constitution, based on changes in the median household income statewide. In a letter sent last Thursday to State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, Gov. Baker said that median household income in

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Massachusetts had risen by 4.42 percent over the two years since the last adjustment to lawmaker

A 4.42 percent increase for the 2023-2024 session will bump the base pay for elected lawmakers from \$70,536 to about \$73,654, a raise of \$3,118 year over year. Lawmakers can choose to turn down the increase in base pay. For many of them, their base pay is supplemented by substantial stipends tied to committee and leadership posts.

In past years, especially during recent recessions, some legislators have rejected the pay increases and others have accepted the money while pledging to donate it to charity, but most have accepted the raises.

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Lawmakers received a 4.2 percent raise at the start of the 2017-2018 session, a hike of 5.93 percent at the start of the 2019-2020 session, and a 6.46 percent increase when the 2021-2022 session began. If median household income were to go down, legislative pay would also be slated to be cut.

The process of calculating the 4 percent bump in base pay for lawmakers is set in the state Constitution, but the origins of the 20 percent increase that statewide officers governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, auditor, treasurer, and secretary of state – will see in their paychecks comes from a controversial law passed in 2017 that ties officials' salaries to changes in state wages over the past eight quarters rather than to median household income.

Though the state treasury does not make official determinations regarding other constitutional officer's payrolls, the treasurer's office did the math as specified in the law to calculate that the statute entitles constitutional officers to a 20.1 percent increase in 2023.

The required salary increases "reflect the aggregate quarterly change in salaries and wages in the commonwealth for the most recent eight quarters as determined by the Bureau of Economic Analysis in the United States Department of Commerce," according to the law.

For Gov. Maura Healey, the raise means she will make \$37,185 above former Gov. Baker's \$185,000 salary. In addition to the \$222,185 salary, Healey will receive the governor's standard \$65,000 housing allowance for a total compensation of \$287,185 in 2023.

Lieutenant gov. Kim Driscoll's pay will increase from \$165,000 to \$198.165 under the 2017 law.

Healey spokesperson Karissa Hand said Healey and Driscoll will both "accept the salary that has been established by statute." Attorney General-elect Andrea Campbell and Auditor Diana DiZoglio will also accept the in-

With this year's pay raise, Gov. Maura Healey, right, will make \$37,185 above former Gov. Baker's 185,000 salary. In addition to the 222,185 salary, Healey will receive the governor's standard \$65,000 housing allowance for a total compensation of \$287,185 in 2023. Lieutenant Gov. Kim Driscoll's pay will increase from \$165,000 to \$198,165 under the  $\bar{2}017$ WBUR photo

creased salaries, their press representatives said.

In response to an inquiry whether Secretary of State William Galvin would accept the raise up from the \$179,367 he made this year - Galvin spokesperson Deb O'Malley said that "the secretary will be reviewing the numbers before making a determination. With preparations for his roles in the swearing-in and inauguration ceremonies next week, he does not expect to have a chance to do that until after next Thursday."

Lizandra Gomes, chief of staff for Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, said Goldberg "will need to review" the available raise. Goldberg brought home \$189,560 in 2022. "As you probably recall, the treasurer did not take any pay increase during the Covid 19 pandemic, Gomes added.

The 2017 law also

affects stipends that lawmakers receive for being in leadership positions or being chosen to chair a committee, separate from the changes in compensation that the governor is required to make every two years.

The Senate president and speaker of the House each receive \$35,000 in additional compensation for each two-year session. Speaker Ron Mariano and Senate President Karen Spilka each made \$178,473 this year in total compensation, including stipends. The pay bump will bring their packages to more than \$214,000 in the new year if they are reelected to lead their chambers as expected.

A representative for the speaker said Mariano "plans to accept the  $salary\,that\,the\,Treasurer$ deems correct." Spilka's team did not respond to a request for comment.

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## New law protects 'vulnerable' road users

By Michael P. Norton State House News Service

On Sunday this week, Gov. Baker signed a bill aimed at making roads safer for "vulnerable users" such as bicyclists, pedestrians, skateboarders, and anyone else who is not in a vehicle. The new law gained momentum during the informal sessions that have been held since formal sessions ended on Aug. 1.

The legislation calls for larger vehicles to be equipped with lateral protective devices, additional mirrors, and backup cameras. It also requires officials to report information about crashes involving vulnerable road users and allows municipalities to petition to modify speed limits on state highways within their borders.

In September, Baker returned the bill to the Legislature with amendments while expressing support for several components of the bill. The House and Senate rejected his changes, then made further ones of their own last week before returning it to the governor.

Sen. William Brownsberger has learned firsthand about the topic of the bill by regularly riding his bike from his home in Belmont to his office at the State House. He celebrated the bill's re-enactment on Dec. 27. "I'm so glad we could get it to governor's desk again," he wrote on his website. "I feel the final bill is as

strong as what we originally submitted; it will save lives on the roads."

The bill broadly defines a vulnerable road user as either "a pedestrian, including a person engaged in work upon a way or upon utility facilities along a way or engaged in the provision of emergency services within the way" or "a person operating a bicycle, handcycle, tricycle, skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates, non-motorized scooter, wheelchair, electric personal assistive mobility device, horse, horse-drawn carriage, motorized bicycle, motorized scooter, or other micromobility device, or a farm tractor or similar vehicle designed primarily for farm use." It also authorizes the registrar of motor vehicles to designate "other categories."

In passing a vulnera-

ble road user, according to the bill, "the operator of a motor vehicle shall pass at a safe distance of not less than 4 feet and at a reasonable and proper speed"

The legislation further states that if it is not possible to overtake a vulnerable user or other vehicle at a safe distance in the same lane, "the overtaking vehicle shall use all or part of an adjacent lane, crossing the centerline if necessary, when it is safe to do so and while adhering to the roadway speed limit."

The law requires the Department of Transportation to "erect and maintain signage along public ways necessary to notify operators of motor vehicles of the requirements for passing a vulnerable user from a safe distance."

It was one of 10 bills that the governor signed

on Sunday.

Baker is set to take his "lone walk" out of the State House on Wednesday but technically remains governor until about noon Thursday.

The legislation states the following, a departure from the longstanding prohibition against crossing a solid centerline to pass another vehicle on a two-lane roadway: "If it is not possible to overtake a vulnerable user or other vehicle at a safe distance in the same lane, the overtaking vehicle shall use all or part of an adjacent lane, crossing the centerline if necessary, when it is safe to do so and while adhering to the roadway speed limit."



#### HELP WANTED

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## **HELP WANTED**



Codman Square Neighborhood Corporation (CSNDC)
Community Organizer

CSNDC seeks a self-motivated, experienced Community Organizer to help build a base of resident leaders – an "Equity Army" - to advocate for economic and racial justice within the Codman Square/Four Corners/South Dorchester neighborhoods of Boston. Key responsibilities of the role include the following: cultivating relationships with community residents, partners, and stakeholders; developing strategic neighborhood outreach plans to recruit residents for leadership development, advocacy campaigns, and other initiatives; supporting the development and implementation of issue-oriented campaigns and special projects; ensuring accurate and timely reporting of activities to identify progress toward meeting goals; and representing CSNDC as needed at collaborative, coalition, and community meetings.

Our ideal candidate will have a proven commitment to social justice and possess many of the following skills and experiences: excellent verbal, written and organizational skills; strong understanding of organizing/mobilizing principles with at least 2-3 years of community organizing or related experience; demonstrated record of success in leadership development as well as formulation and implementation of organizing campaigns; availability to work some evenings, and periodic weekends; and bilingual in English and another language predominant in CSNDC's service area is preferred.

This position is currently operating on a hybrid remote/in-office schedule. The base salary for this position is \$58,000, actual salary will reflect experience and qualifications. For a full job description please visit the <a href="mailto:lobs and Resources">lobs and Resources</a> page on our website. To apply email a resume, cover letter, and a list of three references to CSNDC's Director of CORE Marilyn Forman, marilyn@csndc.com with Community Organizer in the subject line.



#### Codman Square Neighborhood Corporation (CSNDC) Lead Organizer

CSNDC seeks a self-motivated, experienced Lead Organizer to help build a base of resident leaders – an "Equity Army" - to advocate for economic and racial justice within the Codman Square/Four Corners/South Dorchester neighborhoods of Boston. Key responsibilities of the role include the following: day-to-day community organizing, base building, networking, and resident mobilization within assigned neighborhood sectors; assist Director of CORE in planning team building activities, hiring, training, and the supervision of volunteers as well as CORE staff; serve as a Liaison between CSNDC and external stakeholder groups; develop strategic neighborhood outreach plans and approaches; implement innovative ways to provide information and recruit residents for leadership development, advocacy campaigns, community cohesion activities and other initiatives; ensure accurate, timely reporting and data entry of activities, to identify progress toward meeting goals and objectives.

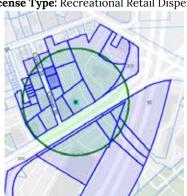
Our ideal candidate will have a proven commitment to social justice and possess many of the following skills and experiences: excellent verbal, written, listening and organizational skills; strong understanding of organizing/mobilizing principles with at least 3-5 years of community organizing or related experience; demonstrated record of success in leadership development as well as formulation and implementation of organizing campaigns; 3-5 years supervisory experience; availability to work some evenings, and periodic weekend; bilingual in English and another language predominant in CSNDC's service area is preferred.

This position is currently operating on a hybrid remote/in-office schedule. The base salary for this position is \$65,000 with room for negotiation; actual salary will reflect experience and qualifications. For a full job description please visit the <u>Jobs and Resources</u> page on our website. To apply email a resume, cover letter, and a list of three references to CSNDC's Director of CORE Marilyn Forman, marilyn@csndc.com with Community Organizer in the subject line.

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a Community Meeting for a Proposed Cannabis Establishment is scheduled for:

Application Name: Surf's Up Cannabis Venture LLC
Application Address: 770 Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester
License Type: Recreational Retail Dispensary



Join virtually at the WebEx Event link below - this is NOT an in person meeting:

Date: Wednesday, January 18th, 2023

**Time:** 6:00PM

Event Link: https://bit.ly/770Gallivan Event number: 2343 725 1390 Event password: SsrTc3DRi34 Call in Number:+1-408-418-9388 Access Code: 2343 725 1390

 $Hosted\ online\ per\ the\ Cannabis\ Control\ Commission\ 4/27/2020\ administrative\ order$ 

There will be an opportunity for the public to raise comments, questions, and concerns.

If you any questions or comments about this proposal, please contact:

Conor Newman

Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (617) 635-2093 | conor.newman@boston.gov

Please note, the City does not represent the owner(s)/developer(s)/attorney(s)/applicant(s). The purpose of this notice is to notify area abutters to this project proposal. This flyer has been dropped off by the proponents per the city's request.

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#### **RECENT OBITUARIES**

#### Virginia White; 100; lived all her life in her Shawmut area home



Virginia White, one of the Dorchester's oldest citizens who was among the Dorchester Historical Society's longest-term members, passed away on December 14, 2022, at age 100.

Following is an edited version of a death notice published in The Boston Globe last week (Dec. 28 and 29):

Virginia Howes White, a proper, yet independent Bostonian woman who lived in the house of her birth near Shawmut Station for her entire 100 years of life, began the journey toward her next adventure on Dec. 14, 2022. At the time of her passing, Mrs. White was enjoying the beauty of the season's Christmas tree, artfully decorated with a collection of ornaments gathered across the decades.

A Home Economics graduate from Framingham Teacher's College, Mrs. White spent her career as an educator. To her last days, her students remained in contact, continuing to seek guidance and to include her in their lives. Her career paths also lead her to earn an MA in Public Relations from Boston University.

Resulting from her interest in local history, Mrs. White held Sturbridge Village's longest membership to date with 66 years. Her life exemplifies the role of volunteerism and service through leadership roles within historical societies, fraternal and parliamentary organizations, her church, and her community.

Late in life, Virginia married the late Gardner W. White. Although they never had children, she often took the children of friends and neighbors under her wing, providing safe havens, sage advice, and support.

 $A\,world\,traveler\,Mrs.\,White\,had\,visited\,countries$ across five continents. Joined by her niece, she enjoyed the diversity of cruising, climbed the Great Wall of China, and took cooking classes in Paris and Argentina.

A photograph of Virginia as a young girl appears in the vintage illustrations arrayed along the platform of the Shawmut T Station.

An interview with Virginia from 2018 may be see on YouTube at youtube.com/watch?v=wbyDl-5W6kzA&t=16s.



SHAUGHNESSY, Linda M. (Hennessey), 63, of Dorchester formerly of South Boston. Mother of Keri Akmezikyan and her wife Tanya of Waltham, and the late James Lunnin. Daughter of the late Owen and Diane (Stone) Hennessey. Sister of William Hennessey and his wife Deb of Hull. Grandmother of 2. Donations in Linda's memory may

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PETERS, Mark Bernard, "Markie", 36, formerly of Dorchester. Son of Sylvia Peters. Brother of Reginald and India Peters, both of Boston, grandson of Lorraine Peters of Boston. Mark is also survived by a host of great-aunts, great uncles, cousins, and close friends.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE** COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 - 617-788-8300 TRUST CITATION

PROBATE PETITION
Docket No. SU04P0889AD1
ESTATE OF:
THEODORE R. BROWN Date of Death: 01/15/2004

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: HP Land
Trust LLC of Boston, MA requesting amending the license to sell, nunc pro tunc, top include the 6 Hollander parcel or for such other relief as this honorable court deems appropriate given the circumstances as set forth herein.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding To do so, you or your attorney must file written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 01/24/2023.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without

further notice to you.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First
Justice of this Court.

Date: December 20, 2022

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TRUST CITATION
Docket No. SU22P0865PO
42 ALGONQUIN STREET
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To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: Bertha Smith of Mansfield, MA

requesting Order that all of Ruby Smith's children shall own the trust corpus, that is, the property known as 42 Algonquin Street, in equal shares.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at he Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on **01/26/2023**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a writter appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. Witness, HON. BRIANJ. DUNN, First

Justice of this Court. Date: December 20, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo

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Cardinal Sean O'Malley and the Archdiocese of Boston Haitian choir are shown after the annual New Year's Day Mass at the Cathedral in the South End honoring Haitian Independence Day. The holiday is celebrated by Haitian people worldwide to mark the country's successful revolution to expel slave-holding French colonists and defeat Napoleon's armies, culminating with independence in 1804. Joining Cardinal O'Malley for the Mass was Cardinal Chibly Langlois (inset), who was named a cardinal by Pope Francis in 2014, the first-ever Haitian-born priest to achieve such an honor.

Patrick O'Connor

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU22P2795EA
ESTATE OF:
ELCIE EUSTACHE
a/k/a: ELCIE HERIVEAUX
DATE OF DEATH: 10/21/2021
all interested persons:

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Tabitha Francis of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested n the Petition. The Petitioner requests that in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Tabitha Francis of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding.

You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day

Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/27/2023.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you

may be taken without further notice to you UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed unde the MUPC in an unsupervised administration

s not required to file an inventory or annua accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Persona Representative and may petition the Cour in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses o

administration. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 16, 2022

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### MORTGAGEE'S SALE

OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale in a certain Mortgage and Security Communication by Engage Communications and Engage Communica Agreement given by Forever Young Group LLC dated March 22, 2021 recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 65052, Page 7, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the condition of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 A.M. on the 6th at Public Auction at 10:00 A.M. on the 6th day of February, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 71 Willowwood Street, Dorchester, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, as follows, to wit:

The land with all the buildings and improvements thereon situated at 71

improvements thereon, situated at 71 Willowwood Street, City of Boston, Suffolk County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being Lot30 on a plan by Schein and Levine, dated March 1926, recorded with Suffolk Deeds Book 4776 Page 109, bounded and

described as follows: NORTHWESTERLY by Willowwood

Street, forty (40) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by land of owners unknown, one hundred (100) feet; SOUTH-WESTERLY by land of owners unknown,

five (5) feet;
NORTHWESTERLY by land of owners unknown, five (5) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY again by land of owners unknown, thirty-five (35) feet;

(35) teet;

NORTHWESTERLY again by land of owners unknown, ninety-five (95) feet.

Containing three thousand eight hundred ninety-five (3,895) square feet of land, more or less.

For Mortgagor's title, see deed dated March 22, 2021 recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 65052, Page 1.
The Mortgagee reserves the right to

postpone the sale to a later date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any
adjourned sale date by public announcement
at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all

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If the premises is a condominium unit then the premises is a contomination must then the premises will also be sold subject to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 183A, as amended, the applicable Master Deed and any and all amounts as may be due, following such sale, to the applicable condominium trust.

If the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale defaults in purchasing the property according to the terms of this notice of sale or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder (or other successive bidders, in the order of their bid) provided that such other bidder deposits with Mortgagee's attorneys, Tamkin & Hochberg, LLP, the amount of the required deposit as ext forth below within five (5) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed If the successful bidder at the foreclosure highest bidder and title shall be conveyed nighest bidder and title snall be conveyed to such other bidder within thirty (30) days of the default, which time periods may be reasonably extended by the Mortgagee in its sole discretion.

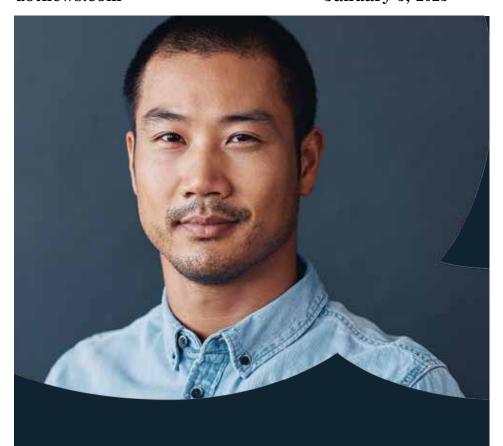
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Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

BEE INVESTMENTS, LLC Present Holder of Said Mortgage By its Attorneys, Tamkin & Hochberg, LLP 313 Washington Street, Suite 202 Newton, MA 02458 617-964-2501 (phone) 1/5/23, 1/12/23 & 1/19/23

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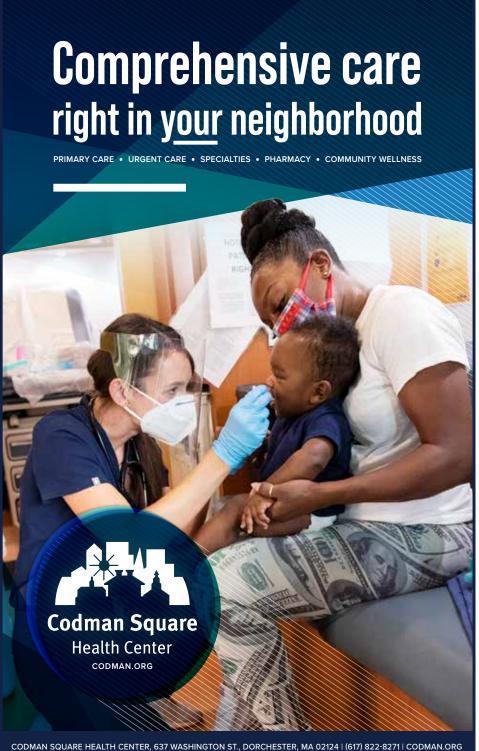
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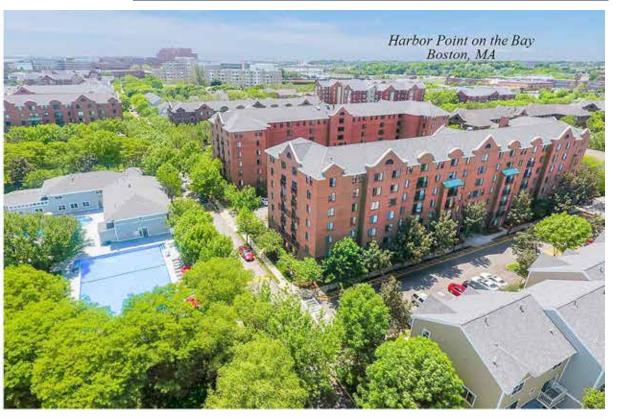
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Stk# BH80491B, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 76,039 mi. 2019 Honda Fit LX	,
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